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Residents step up to make masks

By Carole Glowacki and Kathleen Truelove, photos by Jai Dixon and Kathleen Truelove

As the novel coronavirus spread across Maryland, Ann Patterson asked Carole Glowacki if she would organize a group of people to make about



Photo by Jack Griffith

100 face masks for the staff on Hallowell and Taylor. Ann had found a pattern on www.sewitonline.com for the type of mask she wanted. This site had both the pattern and a very good video. Carole sent out a request for people to sew the masks, and 11 residents responded immediately.

The list of seamstresses (and at least one seamster) in late March included Jane Elkinton, Jai Dixon, Ruth Fleishman, Marilyn Winkelstein, Suzanne Crowder, Alice Giles, Bobbie Cook, Gwyn Sirota, Nell Baumiller, Karen Seybold, Peggy Taliaferro, Margaret Warden, Priscilla Barrett, Lucinda Shaw, Lucy Wright, Renate Meise, and Carole Glowacki.

Although some of the volunteers had fabric, Carole, as a quilter, had a huge amount of fabric from which she made bundles for the sewers. Ann ordered the wire and elastic needed for the masks, and sewing machines from the '50s came out of closets. As the project became more daunting, Carole sent out an email for cutters, and again the

response was amazing.

Because some sewing machines didn't have all of the required features, Carole formed an assembly line for the construction of the masks.

Some residents did the cutting, others did what sewing they could on their machines, and others completed the mask. At least eight volunteers were able to sew the complete mask without assistance.

More than the 100 masks for healthcare staff were made, so there were also masks

for use by dining and housekeeping staff. Ann has asked that the project continue, so the plethora of quilting fabric is going to diminish considerably.

By mid-April, over 300 masks had been made,



Court Robinson and Richard Truelove show off their Easter bonnets and complementary masks.

and Carole says the total should reach 400. This abundance has allowed masks to be distributed to all residents and employees.

Banner by Erroll Hay, of *Mertensia virginica*, a deer-proof native ephemeral along the Dogwood Trail



Jane Elkinton models a mask.

Dealing with anxiety in the time of coronavirus

By Bill Breakey

First, remember this: anxiety is a normal human emotion, necessary for success in life. Without anxiety, which of us would have made it through college? Which of us would have avoided being run over in the street? Which of us could have survived into a ripe old age? As **healthy anxiety** increases, our performance improves, up to a certain point, when too much anxiety starts to interfere with our ability to do well. Healthy anxiety motivates us; it does not persist once the anxiety-provoking situation is resolved and does not call for any treatment.

Pathological anxiety (such as panic disorder, phobia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, generalized anxiety disorder), on the other hand, is distressing, even crippling and requires professional help to resolve.

Between these two types of anxiety, there is the **persistent anxiety**, or worry, that so many of us experience in difficult times. For some people it is financial worry or the threat of job loss. It may be due to a broken relationship or worry about a loved one. Dealing with persistent anxiety requires coping.

We are now living in a time of persistent anxiety. Our lives and routines are upset, we face the constant threat of illness or calamity, and we are told that we are in a high-risk category. In this situation, we hunger for the latest news, yet the news only makes us more anxious. We yearn for the comfort of closeness with friends or family, yet we are compelled to stay apart. We look forward to the end of this ordeal, but the end keeps being deferred.

How can we cope? There are many strategies that we all use, sometimes without being aware that we are using them. To simplify matters, it may be helpful to think of coping in five categories:

Distraction: Watch something on TV other than news, read a book, listen to music, work on a jigsaw puzzle.

Action: Keep moving—exercise, get out of the house, find a job to do, draw or paint a picture, weed the garden.

Mutual support: Call your friends, write a letter or send an email, use social media, FaceTime, or Skype to talk to your family or friends, laugh with somebody.

Relaxation: Deep breathing, mindfulness, yoga, enjoy the outdoors.

Reflection: Remember and be thankful for the good times, appreciate the goodness you see in others, be aware that this will not last forever.

Hearing-challenged people face double isolation

By Mary Ellen McMillin and
Amy Redmon-Norwood

This time of social distancing is a special challenge to people with hearing loss. Masks and distance prevent use of the visual tools they have developed to supplement hearing speech. Always a side effect of hearing loss, social isolation is made worse by COVID-19 stay-at-home directives. Listening across a six-foot safety span can be difficult. Hearing aids may not be powerful enough, or they may pick up background noises. Masks muffle speech sounds. Lipreading is hard at a distance and impossible with a mask. Many people do not realize how much they depend on seeing the face and the movements of the lips and tongue as a way of distinguishing among sounds like “t,” “d,” and “p.”

Neighbors can help by speaking slowly and clearly. Telephone chats can be hard to understand, increasing isolation even more. Newer technologies like speech to text, which is available for cell phones can be helpful. Or consider a captioned telephone, for which dedicated operators convert incoming caller voices to readable text.

Furniture

STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS.
INVENTORY STILL GROWING.

BRA gearing up for Employee Appreciation Fund drive

By Jackie Mintz

It's time for the semi-annual Employee Appreciation Fund drive. The drive allows residents to express their appreciation to the staff for the services they have provided. These drives are particularly important at Broadmead, where tipping is not allowed. The money raised is distributed to all hourly employees who have been on the payroll for at least a month prior to June 1, and the amounts are based on the number of hours worked over the preceding six months.

The drive is scheduled to begin in late April, when BRA President Ann Heaton will send out appeal letters to residents and associate members. Like many other customs, this year's drive stands apart: it is an opportunity to express special appreciation for the work by staff. The suggested amount of the contribution has been \$250 per resident and double that for a couple. This year, however, when additional pandemic-driven requirements have placed extra demands on the staff, residents are afforded the opportunity to acknowledge these efforts with an increased contribution.

The actual process of writing and signing the checks this year was complicated by the rules put in place because of the coronavirus pandemic. As of this writing, that process has not yet been finalized.



April's Pink Moon, photo by Jackie Mintz

Tradition and modern technology blend in the time of coronavirus

By Elborg Forster

A friend of ours died not long ago. His family dealt with their grief by planning a memorial service that would bring together the family, both close and extended, and a wider circle of friends and associates.

However, our friend died in March, as the coronavirus arrived, and traveling and gatherings of all kinds were out of the question. Undaunted, some of the younger people set up a virtual meeting for everyone who wanted to attend. That included some elderly folks like me whose computer skills are limited, but my youngest granddaughter, a college student, sat by my side (virtually) and guided me from one click to the next to the Zoom site where I became one of 128 people who followed the ceremony.

So here we all were, becoming immersed in the same image of a sunlit room decorated with spring flowers, listening to a young woman playing a gentle Chopin prelude on the piano, and hearing a minister speak the venerable words of Scripture. And here were the children, grandchildren, and friends of the deceased as they expressed their love and admiration for him with tears and with smiles.

It struck me forcefully that the blend of tradition and modern technology that shaped this occasion portends what the future holds for us. Beloved traditions can be protected by new inventions, and new inventions have a role to play in the preservation of the past.

Corner Cupboard

The Corner Cupboard is available for delivery only during the COVID-19 pandemic.

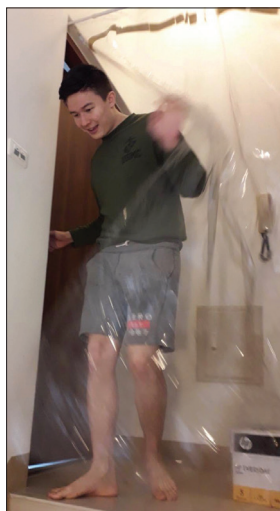
There is an expanded list of items available. You can see the list on Caremerge.

Call x8075 to place an order.

Daniel Baker finds his way home

By Sue Baker, photo by Tim Baker

My grandson Daniel was looking forward to his spring break, which was to include a few days at Broadmead. Then COVID-19 closed



Daniel Baker ends quarantine.

George Washington University for an indeterminate time. After obtaining permission to stay in the dorm because he lives in Taiwan, he decided instead to head home while he could. His first reservation on United was for a flight in a few days that was canceled because no one could fly to Taipei without a Taiwanese passport, which luckily he had. A flight the next day was a

squeak, but he made it.

Because Daniel was returning from abroad, he was subject to quarantine. When his plane arrived in Taipei, everyone went to a special area, received a basic health check and lined up for “quarantine taxis” that would take only one person to their pre-registered quarantine address. Their clothes and luggage were sprayed with alcohol.

It was a three-hour ride from the airport. When Daniel was dropped off at the front door of his parents’ house, he was sprayed again with alcohol before he went up to the third floor, where there’s a bedroom, bath, and roof terrace. The door to his bedroom now is generally closed. There is an improvised air lock with a shower curtain at the third-floor landing, and his meals are delivered on paper plates. All the trash remains in quarantine until the 14-day period is over. Someone calls in sporadically to be sure he is healthy and not leaving quarantine.

Daniel has video calls with his parents during mealtimes, so there is plenty of “face-to-screen” contact. He has exercise equipment, and his classes are recorded online so he can access

them in Taiwan time. Daniel’s parents are giving classes via Google Meeting and keeping up with students in online chats.

Daniel seems to be hale and hearty, though a number of the other people who returned to Taiwan in the past week or so are testing positive. The health department is tracing their cases, so there seems to be only sporadic community transmission at this point.

Marketing marches on

By Bob Heaton, photo by Jack Griffith



Upland Hillside Home goes up.

While the business world is largely on hold, for Broadmead’s Marketing Department it’s almost business as usual. Marketing Vice President Kristy Krueger told the *Voice* that during the third week of March, the three then-available garden homes were reserved.

Between that time and April 6, three more garden homes became available, one of which was successfully marketed to a priority list client, and a second is in the process of being reserved. Social distancing is making things a bit more complicated than usual, but Kristy is confident the remaining garden home will also be turned over quickly.

Although prospects are handicapped by current travel restrictions, Marketing’s virtual tools, such as photos, OneDay video software, FaceTime, Google Duo, and Skype, are one reason for Kristy’s optimism. She says some priority list clients want to wait until the current situation resolves, but others would like to come at once for the “benefit of meal delivery, store delivery, and the fellowship of other residents, even from 6 feet away.”

More good news is that no garden home or Hillside Home clients have cancelled their reservations. To the contrary, during the last week of March, deposits were received on two of the four remaining Hillside Homes. Kristy lauds her staffers for this recent success, but quickly adds that “others deserve significant accolades that go far beyond my department.”

Robin Somers and team take on COVID-19 prevention

By Jackie Mintz, photo by Andy Switzer



Robin Somers

The gravest situation facing Broadmead in its history confronted Robin Somers scarcely a month after her appointment as president and CEO of Broadmead. Managing the pandemic overshadowed everything else. During the week of March 9, Robin and her team began planning for measures

to interdict the entrance of the disease to Broadmead and took the first concrete steps that Friday. For the next few weeks, Robin and her team—newly appointed vice presidents Joyce Malone and Ann Patterson—set aside old practices and introduced new ones.

Inundated by instructions and requirements from a host of agencies, including the Maryland Departments of Aging and Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Office of Healthcare Quality, Robin and Ann spent an astounding 90 percent of their time reviewing the instructions and requirements, interpreting them for the Broadmead situation, and then implementing them. The torrent of laws, regulations and gubernatorial mandates came so fast that at times a draft protocol was superseded by new requirements before the draft was finished. It was not until the week of April 6 that the flood of new requirements began to diminish.

In some areas, Broadmead was well prepared. All healthcare workers had been required to wear masks before Governor Hogan mandated it. Similarly, although Broadmead had not had a COVID-19 case until mid-April, by March 31 it had constructed a new unit consisting of three patient rooms plus a room for administrators and staff. The unit, called the COVID-19 Isolation Center, has dedicated staff who work only with patients in that unit. It also has a separate entrance that opens to the

outside, so that no one working in the Isolation Center walks through the rest of the Community Center, including Hallowell and Taylor. Each room has its own equipment, supplies, and a separate bathroom. The rooms are also equipped with the ability to produce negative pressure, meaning that air from the rooms does not go outside of them.

Of the various preemptive steps taken by the administration, the ones most directly affecting residents in independent living were those that at first restricted, and then eliminated, residents' visits to the Center, such as closing the dining room, delivering all meals to residents' homes, and distributing U.S. mail. In addition, housekeeping services were suspended in order to reduce contacts between residents and staff and to permit housekeeping staff to devote additional time to cleaning and sanitizing the Community Center as directed by the CDC.

To implement these far-reaching changes, a dozen staff were reassigned from Transportation, Maintenance, and Campus Security to deliver meals and distribute mail. Residents were also affected when, to reduce the chances of importing the coronavirus from outside, all visitors, including family members, were barred. In addition, Broadmead now uses only staff who do not work in other healthcare facilities.

Broadmead connection found at Chiloé Island

By Bob Fetter and Kathleen Truelove

Bob Fetter's granddaughter Isabel flew to Chile for a semester program in Santiago. Unfortunately, after just the first few days, as COVID-19 spread around the world, the program was suspended. Rather than returning immediately to the United States, Isabel lined up an opportunity to live and work on an organic garlic farm on Chiloé Island, a large island several hundred miles south of Santiago.

Meanwhile, here at Broadmead, it turns out that Tara Anania, who works at the front desk, grew up on Chiloé. It is a small world after all.

Maryland, My Maryland: Maryland is horse racing country

*By Sidney M. Levy; photos by Douglas Lees
and Craig L. Duncan*



Horse racing is deeply ingrained in Maryland and was the place where thoroughbred racing was introduced into the American colonies. It was

Maryland Hunt Cup

known as “The Sport of Kings” because it was the favorite pastime of King Charles II of England. The first sanctioned horse race in the colonies occurred in 1720, in Annapolis. A silver bowl made by a local silversmith was awarded to the winner.

The Maryland Jockey Club, founded in 1743, may be the oldest publicly funded racing club in the world. In that year, Maryland Governor Samuel Ogle, the owner of three racehorses, participated in a race for thoroughbred horses in Annapolis. His stable, Belair, which was located in Prince George’s County, is recognized as the “Cradle of American Racing.” Belair was home to Gallant Fox and Omaha, the only father and son horses ever to win the Triple Crown, a term coined by *The New York Times* in 1923.

In 1873, two years before the first Kentucky Derby was run, Maryland hosted a horse

race for three-year-olds with a \$15,000 purse offered by Governor Oden Bowie. The Preakness Stakes, run at the Pimlico Race Track, was named after the horse that won the Dinner Party Stakes at the track in its opening year, 1870. The Preakness later became the second jewel in the Triple Crown.

The Maryland Hunt Cup, another Maryland horse racing tradition, dates back to 1894, when the Elkridge Fox Hunting Club challenged the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club to a timber race. The race organizers wanted the race to be run over natural hunting country, ridden by amateurs, and have no commercial activity. In 1922, Worthington Valley became the permanent home of the four-mile, 22-fence racecourse.

Great Decisions survey finds residents prefer outside moderator

By Walter Burnett

In March, a questionnaire focusing on moderator preferences for the Great Decisions sessions in 2021 was circulated to residents who had received the 2020 Great Decisions Briefing Books. The survey had the following results. A paid contract moderator-led Q&A conversation was preferred by a little more than half of the respondents. About 3 out of 10 preferred a resident volunteer-led discussion. The remaining respondents had no preference.

In view of these results, the search for a moderator has begun. The current plan is to begin the 2021 sessions on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5, beginning January 21, 2021 and ending March 11, 2021, if gatherings are permitted by then.

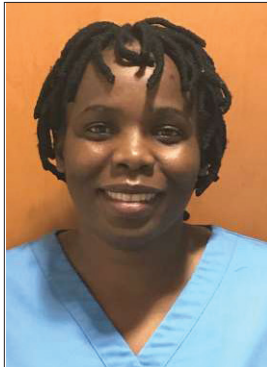
Normally, the Foreign Policy Association announces its topics in late fall or early winter, after which briefing books are made available. As in the past, there will be an opportunity to purchase the books in advance at a discounted price. For questions or further information, contact Walter Burnett, D-1.



**Preakness Trophy, the
Woodlawn Vase.**

Employees work in spite of the pandemic

By Sue Baker and Kathryn Shelton,
Broadmead photos

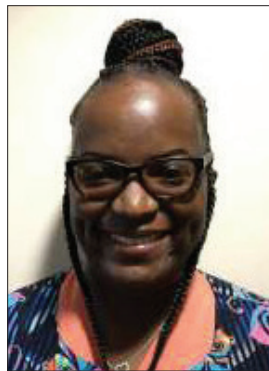


Robby Kikaro

Hallowell nurse Robby Kikaro says that the “lockdown” has completely changed her routine, not least because the behavior of many of the residents on Hallowell has changed. This is especially true of those who are confused because they no longer see their loved ones.

Some feel abandoned, worrying that they have been put in Hallowell to die, and Robby has to explain to them often about the present situation. Formerly, some residents ate in the Hallowell dining room or went downstairs to eat with others, and a lot of her effort goes into trying to cheer them up. She says it is hard to see what was once a happy face become a sad and lonely one.

Deborah McEachern, a certified medicine aide working with residents living in Taylor’s assisted living units, has found the lockdown challenging. Gloved and masked, she now takes meals to residents, who must eat in their own rooms or alone at a table in the common area.



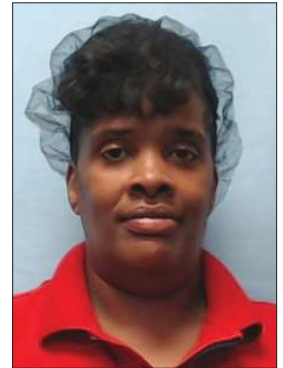
Deborah McEachern

New tasks include reminding them about consistently washing their hands and staying at least six feet apart. Even at the evening movie, they cannot sit close to one another. Deborah’s greatest difficulty occurs when another resident needs attention while she is distributing medications, a conflict that is more difficult during the present time of isolation.

Arbor Café veteran Cheryl Gross reports that “everyone is coping” with the current

pandemic. For more than 20 years, she has cooked in the back, wrapped up items, set up the salad bar, kept the front in order, and tended the coffee bar. She often works as a cashier, and now she is entering resident meals into the computer. “I am a multi-tasker here at Food Services. We all work together to get the job done.”

Cheryl says that although there have been other difficult periods throughout the years, this is her first experience of this kind. Her family is not used to staying in and wearing masks. Traffic is lighter during her commute down York Road from Monkton, but the construction slows down her arrival.



Cheryl Gross

In view of their added duties, Broadmead is providing a number of new benefits. Employees whose job responsibilities increase their risk of exposure to the coronavirus are being given hazard pay, and all employees will continue to have meaningful work and no disruption in their usual pay. In addition, Broadmead is providing employees with some free meals each week and also care packages of groceries.

Broadmead residents have also contributed to staff wellbeing: each employee has been given a mask handmade by residents to take home, and employees using public transportation have received an additional mask.



Preparing dinners for residents.



Ruth Goen, Margaret Lord, and Emily Mohr accompanied by Tootsie enjoying the spring weather before masks became mandatory.

Keeping occupied while quarantined: a resident poll

Collected by Kathleen Truelove, photo by Sally Bloomer

I am translating my father's memoirs, which he wrote in German in 1961. I had put it aside for a while. This is a good time to take it up again so that my children and grandchildren will know their family history.

Sibylle Ehrlich, C-13

Yesterday I gave myself a deluxe pedicure after soaking my feet in a vibrating foot tub filled with hot water and Epsom salts. Lovely. Today, I'm rereading *The Plague* by Albert Camus. I'm only on page 45 and have had to look up the definitions of six words! Great writing.

Jan York, K-4

I have been busy making cloth masks for Hallowell staff. There are about 11 of us making the masks, and several residents are cutting the patterns out for us. The response has been amazing.

Carole Glowacki, W-6

I have been working on the project to make protective masks that is being led by Carole Glowacki. Cutting out patterns for masks is fun and productive. In addition, the weeds are calling to me. The dust is building up.

Projects, take a number. I will get to you.

Margaret Warden, Q-8

Lots of reading and online mahjongg. I gave up on knitting dresses for our soon-to-be-born two great-granddaughters and will make cute little hats instead. (This used to be my specialty, so I'm going back to it.)

Francine Nietubicz, N-10

I am doing jigsaw puzzles, playing solitaire, catching up on reading and doing some household chores like washing the kitchen windows. When the weather is good, I do some garden work. I recently took a ride up to Brown's in Loganville, PA. Their café is closed, but they make good fresh sandwiches every day and sell them in their grocery/deli section. The evening is TV watching time.

Loretta Cunningham, H-8

I understand that for introverts, this time is heaven. For the extrovert that I am, I need projects. So I walk the dog, walk the dog again, read, have started to appliqué squares to turn into pillows for the craft fair, check in with friends, bake cookies to give to cluster folk, and lastly am making masks for Broadmead. I understand that there are 11 of us working on this task as in a factory. Some are doing piece work, while others are making the entire mask. Sew and So and Quilters are among the busy bees.

Bobbie Cook, M-10

I am not doing anything exciting. Taking walks with friends, reading a lot, playing on my computer, napping, physical therapy, cleaning my apartment, and watching TV.

Sally Weinman, A-8

I have a new puppy, Glory, and I still work full time, so I'm as busy as ever. I've worked at home one or more days a week for many years, but doing it full time with all UMBC colleagues, classes, and processes also online is a whole new and very challenging world. We recently had a video meeting outlining plans for an alternative,

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online commencement ceremony for May graduates. I also have video meetings with my coaching clients, doctors, friends, family, and fellow Stony Run Quakers in meeting for worship. For coping and fun, I walk outdoors five miles/day, do an adapted strength-building routine at home, watch movies, meditate (especially on gratitude and calm), and read.

Beth Wells, E-5

To show my appreciation to the staff at the front desk, I made a batch of cookies and probably will do it again. When the weather gets warmer, I want to walk the trail. Reading a good book from the lower level helps entertain me, and I am keeping my home nice and clean.

Peggy Tapley, H-6

I am working a diabolically difficult puzzle from Francine and Joe Nietubicz while listening to the Berlin Philharmonic and other free concerts. Ongoing purging of closets! Where did all this stuff come from anyway? Sunday and Lenten worship by remote connections. Phone calls with friends far and wide. SOON and very soon, actual review of old slides, I keep promising myself.

Kathy Shelton, P-1

The Karsks have finished their taxes! We're walking Broadmead trails and the NCR Trail, preparing a lot of soup, catching up with reading materials, sanitizing countertops as well as doing housekeeping chores in general, getting a lot of sleep and probably too much TV. Playing cards some, crossword puzzles, and catching up with friends and family by phone. The most recent task is to help cut out fabric for use in face masks.

Roger and Sharon Karsk, V-3

In Memoriam

Herbert Grymes

March 3, 1929 – March 15, 2020

I have taken up walking 6,000 to 8,000 steps a day. Priscilla Barrett took me on a walking tour yesterday of the "upper" clusters as we kept "social distancing." I never thought I'd look forward to walking such distances, but I really do. Along with walking, I am enjoying classical music, touring the national parks and museums online, and picking up knitting after a 40-year hiatus.

Nell Baumiller, A-14

I do the usual with my outside walk/prayer time, work at the crossword puzzle and sudoku, sew lots of the face masks for our medical department (thanks to Carole Glowacki, who provides the materials), read novels, garden a little, take out the garbage and recyclables, chat with others at a distance, run to the supermarket as needed, re-develop creativity with leftover food, talk with family and friends, watch a little TV, and take really good care of Jim the husband and Robby the cat.

Suzanne Crowder, E-9

Getting outdoors is our inspiration now. Watching Broadmead become dressed in spring glory: the cherry trees, forsythia, and daffodils, and listening to birds chirping and the frogs' mating symphony. It reminds us that life is vibrant and renewing, year after year, season after season. It gives us hope.

Linda and Tom Koch, A-3

Imperious cat lives in R-8

By Cleopatra Christensen, as told to Alice Christensen

Photo by Gwyn Sirota

MEOW! My name is Cleopatra because I am the queen of my household. We have a kitchen window that fronts right on the sidewalk, where I can entertain my many subjects who walk by and talk to me. I am a Siamese cat. My big brother Rusty is not.



Cleopatra

Broadmead Welcomes

Wilmina “Willy” Sydnor, R-5. 443-240-9355
sydnorwk@gmail.com. April 24, 2020



Wilmina Sydnor

Willy Sydnor moved to Baltimore from Richmond, VA, in 1968, to work for Samuel Shapiro and Co., a custom house broker and freight forwarder, where she ultimately became an account representative. She notes that she was often dealing with longshoremen, whom she

describes as “a rowdy group,” but “great fun.” She has a favorite story of being on the phone with a longshoreman who suddenly covered the receiver and yelled, “Shut the (bleep) up; I’ve got a lady on the phone!”

She has lived in the Baltimore City neighborhoods of Bolton Hill, Mt. Vernon, and Roland Park and recently reached the 35-year mark in her home near Wyman Park in Hampden.

Willy has travelled to much of Europe and to Egypt, Cuba, and Russia, but recently had to cancel a planned trip to the Adriatic with Road Scholar. She hopes to take that trip in 2021. Coming from a musical family (her parents met at Westminster Choir College), Willy, a soprano, loves singing and looks forward to getting back to singing at Broadmead. As a person who enjoys being on her own, she also loves taking Osher Lifelong Learning classes, watching movies, cooking, and eating out. She socializes frequently with her “terrific” nieces and nephews.

Finally, Willy is an enthusiastic volunteer. She has visited Gilchrist Hospice for 22 years as a bereavement volunteer. At WBJC she stuffs envelopes and does other odd jobs. She works with Baltimore Heritage on behind the scenes tours and speaks glowingly of some of her favorite places to visit: Green Mount Cemetery, the Ashburton Water Treatment plant, the Baltimore Museum of

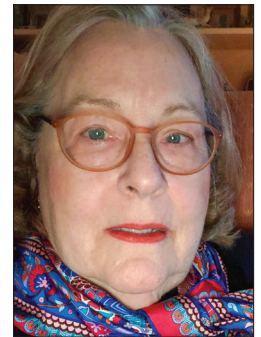
Art, and Stoop Stories.

By Libby Champney, photo from Wilmina Sydnor

Elizabeth “Robin” Roszel, P-13.
410-241-7309. ekroszel@aol.com. May 2020

Robin Roszel will move into P-13 as soon as the coronavirus situation permits and she is able to do a walk-through with her son. A native of the greater Frederick area, Robin attended Frederick High School, St. Mary’s Junior College, and the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA). For a short while thereafter she assisted her father, Stoll D. Kemp, run his New Market, Maryland, antique business before resuming her Baltimore life.

A job at Johns Hopkins University as a secretary in the Public Relations Department ended in 1970, when she left to raise her children and volunteer in numerous community groups. She also served on the board



of the Women’s Committee of Hampton Mansion Historic Site. In 1987, Robin returned to Hopkins, retiring in 1992 to care for her parents. Robin had two sons, Stephen and Stewart. Stewart lives in Baltimore; Stephen died in 2015. She also has two grandchildren. Her marriage ended in divorce.

Robin comes to Broadmead from the Oakenshawe area of Baltimore, near Union Memorial Hospital, where she lived for 35 years. Prior to that she lived in Bolton Hill, also in Baltimore City. Robin chose Broadmead because after more than four decades in the city, she wanted to return to a country environment. She wants to hear the birds and frogs.

Robin is interested in ceramics, especially high-fired stoneware, and is looking forward to joining the ceramics group at Broadmead. She is also looking forward to bird watching.

By Jackie Mintz, photo from Robin Roszel

Why plant natives?

By Gwen Marable, photos by Kathleen Truelove



Native tree *Chionanthus virginicus* behind Cluster D along Copper Beech Lane.

Planting season is here! This year, use natives—plants that have grown in this region for hundreds of years. They are accustomed to local sun, soil, and climate.

Planting them can eliminate the need for pesticides and decrease the need for fertilizer and watering once they are established. One can find native plants with the same shape, color, and other characteristics as some favorite non-native plants.

Invasive plants threaten wildlife and wetlands because they compete with natives and often have no natural enemies to keep them in check. Find out what plants are causing



Invasive barberry running wild at Broadmead near Ridge Trail.

problems in our region. Avoid buying and growing invasive plants. They may look nice but they are wreaking havoc on our environment. Please remember to ask whether a plant is invasive before you buy.



Monarch caterpillar munching away in Q Gardens, (Q-7/Q-8) Broadmead.

Caring for the environment is one of our Broadmead values. The list of native plants and invasive plants is too numerous to include here. The University

of Maryland's Extension Service website has good information, or you can ask members of the Conservation Committee, the Nature Committee, or Linnette Kanitz, the Grounds Manager, for help.

The war on weeds continues: Stiltgrass

By Kathryn Shelton, photo by Betty Marose

Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*) is this month's featured invasive weed. Currently it is matted and tan in color, but by the end of summer



Invasive stiltgrass

it will be bright green and up to three feet tall, with silver hairs running down the middle of the leaf. It grows lushly along the Dogwood Trail and is difficult to mow because it is on a wooded hill. With a weak and shallow root system, stiltgrass is easily pulled up. Some residents have tried pulling up the grass as far as they can reach, but the slope becomes steep and rocky. Control is easier if the grass is cut down before setting seed. Is there some in your garden area? Pull or hoe it out, let it die, and discard it in the trash. Please do not compost or put it in the garden waste bins in the trash room.

Moving Around Broadmead

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Greenhouse

The greenhouse closes on May 15. All plants must be removed by then.

BRA Movies for May 2020

Tuesday Movies by Susan Saunders

Saturday Movies by Marilyn Winkelstein

Sat. May 2 *The Graduate*

1967 PG 1h 47m

One of the most beloved American films of all time, this coming-of-age romantic comedy stars Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft, with music by Simon and Garfunkel.

Tues. May 5 *Enchanted*

1991 PG 1h 38m

This slow-paced beautiful film is about four English women after World War I who go to a remote Italian island to try to come to grips with their lives and relationships.

Sat. May 9 *Trading Places*

1983 R 1h 58m

This American comedy, starring Dan Ackroyd and Eddie Murphy, is about an upper-class commodities broker and a homeless street hustler whose lives cross paths when they are unknowingly made a part of an elaborate bet.

Tues. May 12 *I Remember Mama*

1948 2h 14m

Based on a collection of short stories, the film stars Irene Dunne as Mama and Barbara Bel Geddes as the older daughter, who recalls the tribulations of a Norwegian family in turn-of-the 20th century San Francisco.

Sat. May 16 *Hail, Caesar!*

2016 PG13 1h 46m

This impressively goofy and star-studded film makes fun of the golden age of Hollywood in the 1950s as it follows a single day in the life of a studio PR fixer.

Tues. May 19 *Akeelah and the Bee*

2006 PG 1h 52m

An inspiring story of a talented 11-year old girl from a rough South Los Angeles neighborhood who receives community support to compete in the national spelling bee.

Sat. May 23 *Outsourced*

2006 PG13 1h 43m

A lighthearted comedy/drama in which a Seattle call center manager is fired and then dispatched to India as a consultant to train his own replacement.

Tues. May 26 *Field of Dreams*

1989 PG 1h 47m

This film is a mix of fantasy, baseball, and family togetherness. An Iowa farmer, played by Kevin Costner, is inspired by a vision to build a baseball diamond in his corn field so that old-time baseball heroes will come to play.

Sat. May 30 *Music and Lyrics*

2007 PG13 1h 46m

Another Hugh Grant movie with his self-deprecating charm. This one has Drew Barrymore collaborating with him as they work under pressure to come up with a new pop song for the current diva.

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